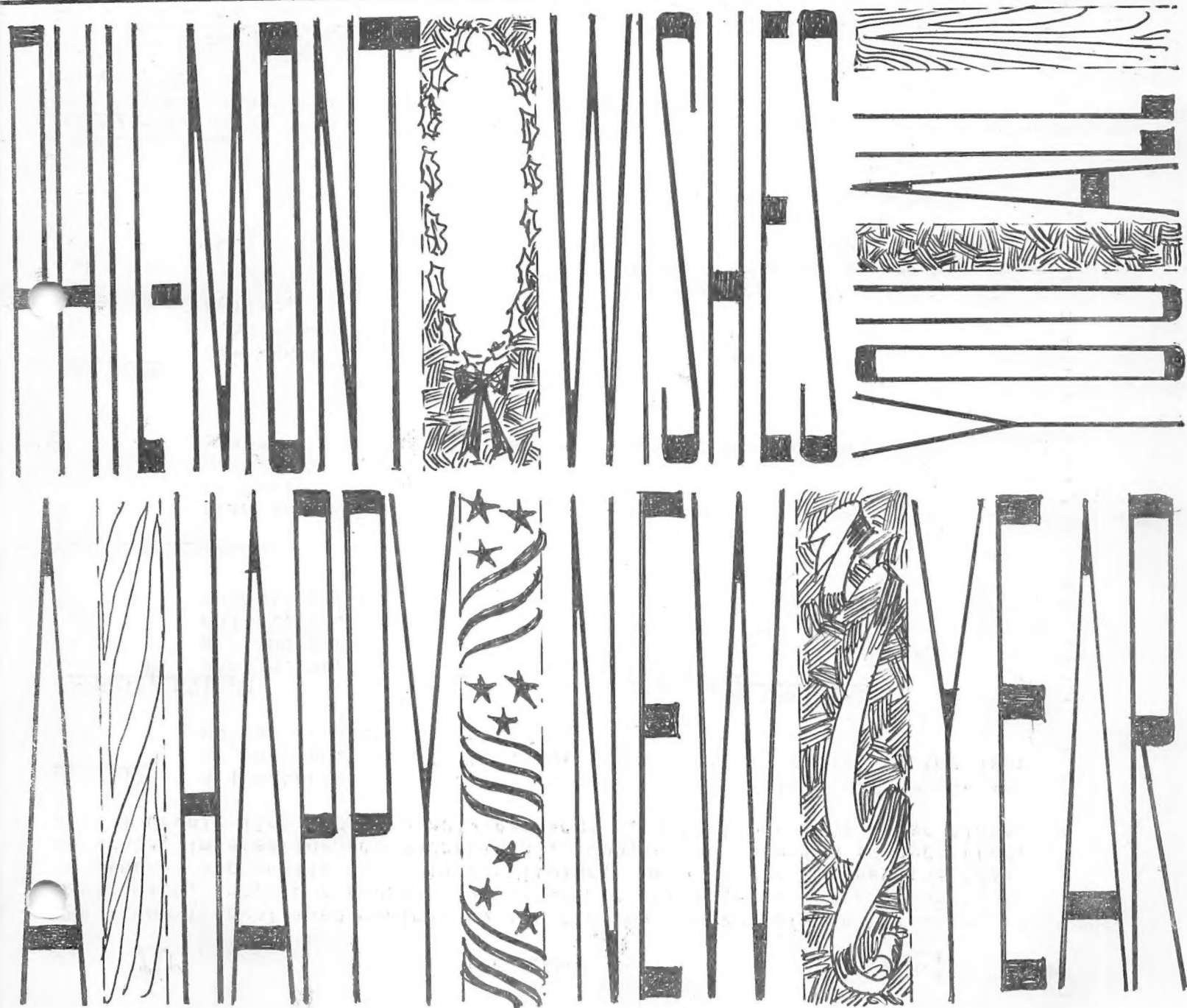


PhilMont Mobile Radio Club

# *The* BLURB



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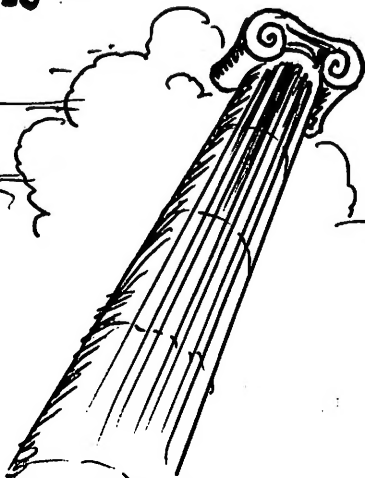
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29.493mhz-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mhz 2nd Freq.;  
repeater input 29.640mhz open; 3993khz SSB-0730-0845 daily; 52.525mhz (Fm);  
147.78mhz.

Sam's CORNER



PHIL MONT HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
A COLUMN OF STRENGTH....  
IT HAS BEEN SHOWING OF LATE..  
SIGNS OF WEAKNESS  
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO  
ABOUT IT? BEFORE ITS TOO LATE!

## THE PREZ SEZ

Planning this, my first of twelve (I Hope), "Prez Sez" I can see what K3UWO meant about this task being one of the toughest of the presidency. Because of the meager turnout at the meetings this article is the only means of communications I have with the "passive contingent" of our membership as those absent from the meetings also, for the most part, are absent from Channel 1. Not wanting to publish a dissertation each month (which would bore most and bankrupt our Blurb mailing expense fund) while conveying my thoughts effectively makes for some pretty tricky planning. Enough with my operational problems.

As my xyl is still typing this venerable communique, I have had an opportunity to read its contents before writing this article. A comprehensive thesis is presented herein authored by the "Northern Reporter". This outstanding work is what we need more of both within and without the Blurb. Also you will find within a list of committee appointments for 1970. I expect each and everyone of our membership to at least make an effort to assist these chairmen when asked and indeed, to even volunteer without being asked. For those who could not hear my campaign speech I ran on the activities ticket which means participation for success. We will have a banquet this year under the direction of K3KNH, we will have a field day under the direction of W3KN, we will have other activities to be announced soon. I have asked K3UWO, the new interclub chairman, to actively solicit other clubs for participation in all our functions. If Phil-Mont cannot fill its functions with its own members then they will be filled by others. WA3DMR's adept hand will provide our club with interclub publicity, a new membership kit and press releases. Phil-Mont will be known. Phil-Mont is on the move; get on and enjoy it or get left behind.

Finally, I want to thank those who voted for me, I will do my best to reward your trust. To those who voted for Bob and for those who ignored their right altogether, I will do my best to bring Phil-Mont out of retirement; as well, I hope, as the man you wanted.

73's

W3WXC

## A PARTING WORD

I have enjoyed this past year of working with all you people as club president. Most of the time, it was a rewarding experience; which should be enjoyed by every member. The cooperation received was excellent, and it is not fair to single out anyone for special attention; everyone helped.

We did not manage to do everything planned. There does not seem to have been very much progress in assisting young people to become more active; this was a project that I still feel should be developed. Neither did we manage to have much in the way of social activity; Dick will probably change this.

There were some excellent programs at the meetings. I hope this will continue.

We had some interesting field activities, which seem to have been enjoyed by the members. The turn-outs for Paddlerama, Model Airplane Meet, Golf Matches were excellent. Hopefully we can continue this type of work, which is actually the reason for Philmont's existence.

I wish to congratulate W3WXC, and wish him well as president. He should do a fine job since he is very interested in our club, and has worked hard in the past. The best that I can say, is that I hope the members will give him the cooperation I received.

Thanks again, members.

Congratulations and Good Luck, Dick.

73

Bob, K3UWO

Change in your directory:

Ed Jars call letters are K3TKZ.

## 1970 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

| <u>COMMITTEE</u>                   | <u>CHAIRMAN</u> | <u>COMMITTEE</u>    |               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Welcome                            | W3VVS           | Technical           | W3QZO         |
| Program                            | W3ADV           | TVI                 | K3GNM         |
| Blurb                              | K3JQC           | Interclub           | K3UWO         |
| Membership                         | K3NYL           | Refreshments        | W3CDY         |
| Net                                | W3DSG           | Prizes              | W3VVS         |
| Audit                              | W3GOW           | Awards              | K3UWO         |
| Budget                             | W3GOW           | By-Laws             | K3TKZ         |
| Franklin Institute<br>Base Station | W3ADV           | Publicity           | W3DMR         |
| Communications Vehicle             | W3QQH           | Historical          | W3JA          |
| Field Day                          | W3KN            | Nominating          | Later         |
| Special Events                     | W3QQH           | Judge of Election   | W3AWH         |
| Social Activities                  | K3KNH           | Appointed Directors | K3UWO<br>W3KN |

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|           |            |                                                                                                                  |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | January 5  | Regular meeting-Franklin Institute<br>Laurence LePage W3QCV- <u>The Gentle<br/>Art of Straight Line Thinking</u> |
| Wednesday | January 14 | Mid-Month - K3UWO qth                                                                                            |

The twentieth annual roundup net, held from 9AM till noon, Nov. 16th, 1969, yielded 170 Phil-Monters and friends. K3KNH, K3UWO, and W3QQH operated the communications van from the Roxboro reservoir. Operations were conducted on 3995, 29.493, and 147.21 A.M. and on 52.525 and 146.94 F.M.

Under this year's rules, members were urged to check in with each separate transmitter in the shack. 3 members, KLR, VVS and AES all used 9 transmitters. 6 transmitters each. 22 other members were in the multiple transmitter class.

All in all, it showed once again that when the occasion arises, Phil-Mont can and does produce a superior result.

W3QQH

QST, QST ~~FOR~~ ALL AMATEURS

Get your General or Advanced ticket the easy way.

Cheltenham Evening Adult School will be offering 2 classes for the beginning and experienced ham radio operator, starting January 1970.

1. For the beginner: Code and theory instruction and FCC examinations for the novice test.
2. For licensed hams: Code and theory for the general and advanced tests.

Tuition \$14.00 approx. for 10 week term.

Watch for Adult School Announcement  
or contact:-  
J. Wasserman (215) WA7-2179

To all of Phil-Mont::::::::: Best wishes for a very happy,  
healthy and prosperous New Year and new decade:::::::::

From the Editor

The By-Law Committee would like to propose the following change to the By-Laws. This change was overlooked in the proposals printed in the September 1969 issue of the BLURB. The voting for this change will be held in February.

#### ARTICLE 12

Section 2 now reads: - In the event that the office of an officer or member of the Board of Directors shall become vacant, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall immediately fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 2 REVISED: - In the event that the office of an officer or member of the Board of Directors shall become vacant, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, immediately fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Edward J. Jars, K3TKZ, Chairman By-Laws Comm.

Upon reading the latest Rules of Elections adopted 4 Nov. 1969, I would like to propose the following changes to be voted on at the 5 January 1970 meeting.

Rule No. 2 now reads: - Nominating committee members are permitted to run for office, but only upon petition from the membership. The petition must be signed by at least five members and be presented to the nominating committee chairman at the November meeting to be included on the slate of nominees.

Rule No. 2 REVISED: - Nominating committee members are permitted to run for office but only upon petition from the membership. The petition must be signed by at least five members and be presented to the nominating committee chairman at least one month prior to the annual meeting to be included on the slate of nominees.

Rule No. 4 now reads: - Nominations are to be announced at least one month prior to the annual meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor following announcement of the committee's slate.

Rule No. 4 REVISED: - Nominations are to be announced at least one month prior to the annual meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor following announcement of the committee's slate. Nominations shall be closed at the conclusion of the meeting.

The proposed changes are underlined in the Revised copy of the Rules.



BY:

After the voting on these Rules, I will have copies of the new Rules of Election and new By-Laws distributed to each club member.

As was the Old Rules of Election, I would like to have these new ones attached to the official copy of the By-Laws.

Edward J. Jars, K3TKZ, Chairman By-Laws Comm.

From the Northern Reporter:

On or about the 19th anniversary of this rag the NR feels the urge to get the ole typer going again and misspell as many words as possible and have the usual clintel comment on same. We must preface all remarks by the comment that "Equal time" in this rag will certainly be allowed by the Editor for other points of view by any dissenters - alternate politicians and any reporters from the other points of the compass. This is a necessary condition since the NR doesn't share many of the views that have prevailed in the past. He sat back for about 10 years to see the effect of some of the policies that have been instituted and the results were quite predictable. The NR doesn't claim to be father time (altho he is pretty close) but human nature hasn't changed much in one lifetime - all the old rules of group dynamics still seem to apply. Equal Time by the way will only be accepted in this rag - any rebuttals will not be accepted over the air by land line or verbally - set your pen down to write. First - we have a nuovo presidente. With no disrespect to our past presidents all of whom have been very good friends down thru the years - they are all to old (we speak for ourselves here). For the first time we have a younger fellow in the drivers seat and a good one. There is a very long story behind this comment which the NR will try to develop over a period of time - we won't be able to cover it all in one Blurb. Primo - we will first explain who the NR is to the Younger set. We can't remember which year, (W3D\$G may have the first issue) the NR sat himself down to write at this very same typer - must be November 1949 or 50 - to compose the very first Philmont rag on one side of one sheet nicely done in very illegible blue spirit printing. The first rag was called the "TVI Retreat" through the timely suggestion of the old bat W3SGR. Je is also credited with the somewhat dubious honor of naming the present rag. At that time there was definately a "retreat" with TVI the bane of all hams in existance. Well we all went mobile to escape those indians and the greatest delight was to go down the street in front of the first TV in any enighborhood, go on the air and blank out that one TV which you could usually see from the street



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since it was used as a status symbol and a zillion neighbors and cars were there to prove it. We were a wild bunch with a lot of spirit - nonsense and monkey business. Boy - its cold down here at this typer - the cat is so cold he sits on the ham rig to keep warm. The NR built a new house carefully provided a nice hamshack in the construction with high amperage outlets etc, etc. - the xyl moved in with the sewing machine and we haven't had the courage to move her out - so we would up again the basement with not the best heating arrangement in the world. The fingers are stiff - the typer won't spell - not much improvement in twenty years hi. We told you it would take a long time to develop the point - might take years. We were talking about spirit - young guys - old guys which brings a point to mind - W3PIN sells resistances in competition with Mr. IRC - TRW - short Bob they call him--- anyway W3INP dropped a very bad rumor the other nite at one of the UBOD vino parties - don't tell Saint Nick but Chuck is fixin up his room along side the faily room. This room started out as a ham shack molto years ago never was used altho there was enuf gear there of an antique nature so set Ed Rase W3IZ up in business. It has been used to collect all the usual junk akin to growing kids.

Upon a more detail query of the definition of "fixin" we find this alludes to "ham radio". There was even a rumor that the TR4 was coming inside and the HA 410 was going outside. We suspect that this all has to do with the very fine project for a powerful relay station that W3MHQ is building for Franklin Institute. When you think about the potential of the project it is tremendous. Anyway it motivated to NR to start making noises from the Northern reaches of Cucks County into center city and so - it appears that communications are once agin established with the help of Spence and much checking and relaying by WA3KLR. W3HHQ found an Antique DX-100 down at Johnny's that was dumped out of W3CNO's domicile - where is Georgie these days - he is not even in the directory. The NR is about ready to get kicked out of the directory for non payment of dues - this all has to do with this subject of "spirit - old guys - young guys" and it is going to take 6 months to get to the point. You see the NR is one of the 6 charter members of the club - someone said "how can a charter member of the club be only an associate member" This of course is \$3 less than the full membership which is not to be neglected in this age of inflation - however the real point is that it gives the NP a \$3 protest right. These days you have to protest - its the propular thing to do - it was in the old days too - riding down the street blanking out all the TV's. This \$3 protest is against the perfect job we have done of lesislating the spirit out of the club. There was a young fellow that had not much hair at the time and has less now that about 10 years wanted to organize the club better - he

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proposed and "sheep" followed him that we do away with absentee voting. This occurred in several midmonth meetings one we recall was at Hy & Ann's domicile. If you want to kill the spirit in the club this is what you do - and since there was too much spirit the sheep followed. It took a long time for the sheep to come around to this fact of group dynamics - restrict the interest and you will. As we recall that fellows call was W3AWH and his doll of a wife was Molly, its been a long time. Now this same young fellow - now old - much less hair - same good looking wife much younger than he - came out to a meeting (first in a year) recently and made the sage observation that the content of the meeting was just a bunch of old cats and not many of them at that on the nite of a presidential election. Remember our ground rule of equal time -- in this rag, Quite some difference from the brass band days with ole Baldy Bill and his rag time group that brought down the house at the Institute auditorium - there was no other room big enuf in the place to house the crowd.

This is one small manifestation of the set of rules and ground rules that have been set up in the club by a bunch of us ole cats who thought they were doing the right thing - we did our thing in those day too -- not always good. W3SAI Johnny what happened to that noise maker? Must be the stock market got him. To continue - we hear all about the spirit sagging - we must do something about it - we need new ideas - less old cats running the show etc. etc. - much hand ringing - what to do about it. So somehow the wheel has to make a full turn if you give it time enuf - and its time. The old cats whether they sensed this whole point or not - and we think they did - they elected a younger fellow to the presidency - Dick came into the club green as grass and the fine job he did on the platform (his five minute talk for election) was top drawer. And even Leatha let Bob W3OEC (the Southern Division) out to hear him. Well if you think this is the end of the story you have another guess coming - for heavens sake don't pay your dues because bxt month there may be more of this qrm. Did you hear bout the group of young cats in the Western Division and an old cat - who were keeping the very dead channel one frequency so hot - a bunch of the dead heads in the club commented on that fact - so the ole cat in the group bought a bunch of crystals (the young cats were not affluent enough to meet the tab) all on 29300 to KEEP THE SPIRIT OFF THE CHANNEL- see what we mean? We are years older but no smarter. Seems to this NR the situation could have been handled a little more adroitly and who knows some of the younger group might even join - Now then there are some -- next time.